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1. Receipt is acknowledged of priority papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119. The papers have been placed of record in the file.

2. Applicant's claim for priority, based on papers filed in parent Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119, is acknowledged.

3. The priority papers, submitted \_\_\_\_\_, after payment of the issue fee are  
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While the priority claim or certified copy filed will be placed in the file record, neither will be reviewed and the patent when published will not include the priority claim.  
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4. For utility and plant applications filed on or after November 29, 2000, the priority claim is not entered because the claim was not presented within the time limit required by 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1). A petition to accept a delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d) or (f), or 365(a) may be filed. See 37 CFR 1.55(c) and MPEP 201.14(a).

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